

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Prior Application: K. YAMAGAMI et al  
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Examiner: Y. Encarnacion  
For: MULTI-PROCESSOR TYPE STORAGE CONTROL  
APPARATUS FOR PERFORMING ACCESS  
CONTROL THROUGH SELECTOR

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above application  
as follows.